

Loudoun County Economic Development Commission  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Resolution

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington DC area continues to be the leader in job growth in the United States with quality jobs in a desirable location;

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia's employers have help create these jobs, and the housing opportunities associated therewith;

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia has historically moved its citizens via automobiles and a state operated highway system;

WHEREAS, the State has limited funds to build new roads, and the right of way for expanding existing roads is becoming cost prohibitive;

WHEREAS, to continue to meet the needs of the traveling public in Northern Virginia and further the prosperity, alternatives must be included in the transportation equation;

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia region needs to extend its current mass transit system to reduce the amount of traffic on its highways and to serve fast growing areas not currently served by rail transit;

WHEREAS, increased use of transit will provide choices to the traveling public, reduce the wear and tear on the existing infrastructure and improve air quality in the region;

WHEREAS, a consortium consisting of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, and the Commonwealth of Virginia has proposed and the Federal Transit Administration has recommended initial funding for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (the "Project") as a part of a regional solution to the road and traffic problems plaguing Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Project would extend the regional Metrorail system from the existing West Falls Church Metro station, through the Fairfax County/Tysons Corner area returning at Route 7 to the median of the Dulles Airport Access Road proceeding west to Dulles International Airport with additional stations proposed in Loudoun County in the median of the Dulles Greenway at Routes 606 and 772;

WHEREAS, the Project will improve travel to and from Dulles Airport, and provide alternative means to access to and from the employment centers in Tysons Corner, Reston/Herndon and Loudoun County;

WHEREAS, the Project requires the continued participation of all consortium members;

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has previously adopted the proposed alignment of the Project and included in its Capital Improvement Plan funding for the County's share of the capital costs of the Project;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Congressman Frank R. Wolf, the Congress of the United States has appropriated more than \$115 million as the federal share of the costs of Preliminary Engineering and development and other costs for the Project;

WHEREAS, the preliminary engineering for the first phase of the Project commenced in October 2004 and the preliminary engineering for the second phase of the project is scheduled to commence in April 2005 using funding committed by the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors adopted an Economic Development Strategic Plan for Loudoun County, and one of the action items contained in this Strategic Plan is the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission recommends that the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission support this important Loudoun County improvement:

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission desires to state its emphatic support of the Project and to encourage the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors support of the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

The Loudoun County Economic Development Commission supports the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project to bring the regional rail transit system to Loudoun County as early as 2012, and hereby recommends that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors continue to support the Project to improve transportation by providing choices to the commuter and to enhance economic development in Loudoun County for years to come.